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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
04/14/2011	.	
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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Wise) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 1003.4205, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.4205 Disability history and awareness instruction.—

(1) Each district school board shall ~~may~~ provide disability history and awareness instruction in all K-12 public schools in the district during the first week ~~2 weeks~~ in October each year. The district school board shall designate this week ~~these 2 weeks~~ as "Disability History and Awareness Week ~~Weeks~~."



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13 (2) (a) During this 1-week ~~2-week~~ period, students shall ~~may~~
14 be provided intensive instruction to expand their knowledge,
15 understanding, and awareness of individuals with disabilities,
16 the history of disability, and the disability rights movement.
17 Disability history must ~~may~~ include the events and timelines of
18 the development and evolution of services to, and the civil
19 rights of, individuals with disabilities. Disability history
20 must ~~may~~ also include the contributions of specific individuals
21 with disabilities, including the contributions of acknowledged
22 national leaders.

23 (b) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, the
24 instruction shall ~~may~~ be integrated into the existing school
25 curriculum in ways including, but not limited to, supplementing
26 lesson plans, holding school assemblies, or providing other
27 school-related activities. The instruction may be delivered by
28 individual presenters who have disabilities or teachers who are
29 currently employed at the school and who specialize in
30 exceptional student education ~~qualified school personnel or by~~
31 ~~knowledgeable guest speakers, with a particular focus on~~
32 ~~including individuals with disabilities.~~

33 (3) The goals of disability history and awareness
34 instruction include:

35 (a) Better treatment for individuals who have ~~with~~
36 disabilities, especially for youth in school, and increased
37 attention to preventing the bullying or harassment of students
38 who have ~~with~~ disabilities.

39 (b) Encouragement to individuals who have ~~with~~ disabilities
40 to develop increased self-esteem, resulting in more individuals
41 who have ~~with~~ disabilities gaining pride in being an individual



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42 with a disability, obtaining postsecondary education, entering
43 the workforce, and contributing to their communities.

44 (c) Reaffirmation of the local, state, and federal
45 commitment to the full inclusion in society of, and the equal
46 opportunity for, all individuals who have ~~with~~ disabilities.

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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49 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

50 And the title is amended as follows:

51 Delete everything before the enacting clause
52 and insert:

53 A bill to be entitled
54 An act relating to disability awareness; amending s.
55 1003.4205, F.S.; requiring district school boards to
56 provide disability history and awareness instruction
57 in all K-12 public schools during the first week in
58 October; providing for individual presenters who have
59 disabilities or teachers who specialize in exceptional
60 student education and who are currently employed at
61 the school to provide the disability history and
62 awareness instruction; providing an effective date.